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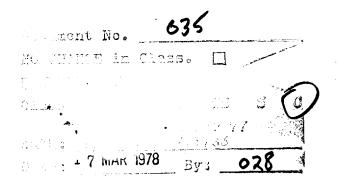
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1.	PORTUGAL: Possible Communist-inspired disturbances
	US Ambassador MacVeagh transmits a report
	that Portuguese police expect the Communists to
	initiate a revolutionary uprising during or following the
	regular presidential elections scheduled for 13 February.
	the police believe that the Government
	can control such an uprising. The Ambassador comments
	that practiced observers believe the opposition lacks the
	popular leadership necessary for an effective coup but
	that police precautions are warranted in view of possible
	election disturbances and Communist exploitation.
	(CIA Comment: Although election disturbances
	are possible. CIA believes that government forces are
	adequate to control the situation and that Portugal's
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